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TO: Minerals File

FROM: Doug Jensen, Senior Reclamation Specialist *D. Jensen*

RE: Site Inspection, Thirstystone Resources, Inc., Black Ridge #1, S/053/027, Washington County, Utah

Date of Inspection: October 17, 2002
Time of Inspection: 11:00 a.m.
Conditions: Warm
Participants: Doug Jensen, DOGM

Purpose of Inspection:

This inspection was made to assess site conditions. When the Division inspected the area on April 16, 1999, the disturbance at the site was approximately five acres (the site is located in a deep wash a GPS survey was not possible). The owner's representative at the site indicated that a dump located in the lower portion of the wash was scheduled for reclamation. Reclamation of this feature would have removed approximately two acres of disturbance from the permit area.

Getting to the site:

Take the Hurricane exit off I-15 to 6300 W, which is located on the extreme west side of town. Turn right on 6300 West for 1.7 miles to an industrial waste road, travel .3 miles and turn off to the right. This road will take you to the bottom of a drainage in which the Black Ridge #1 quarry is located.

Observations:

There was no equipment or personnel at the site at the time of the inspection. It appeared that there had not been any mining activity at the site for some time.

The upper quarry at the site has not changed much since the April 16, 1999 inspection. The dump located below this portion of the site has not been reclaimed and some quarrying activities have taken place on the west wall of the wash above the dump. The dump is about the same size as it was on April 16, 1999. There was no sign that any attempt had been made to reclaim the dump.

Pictures were taken of the site, the date on the pictures is incorrect due to a battery failure in the camera.

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Conclusions and Recommendations:

This site appears to be very near to the five acre limit for a small mine permit. I will take the GPS with me on the next trip to St. George and will survey the site for an exact acreage figure.

The site does not have any apparent environmental concerns. The main drainage through the area of mining has been left open, which will allow any upgradient water to drain through.

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cc: Rick Rymerson, BLM, St. George FO
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